

## RUCKER CANYON

**WOMEN MEET**  
TUCSON, Feb. 6.—How many communities are taking advantage of the instruction and leadership furnished Arizona women by the Agricultural Extension Service of the University through the Home Demonstration Agent stationed in their county?

Here is how a group of women in Cochise county are profiting as told by Miss Louise Spierdier, Home Demonstration Agent of Cochise county.

"On Wednesday, I drove to Rucker canyon, 40 miles from Douglas in Cochise county. This visit was made at the request of Mrs. F. P. Moore who lives on a ranch in Rucker Canyon. I gave a talk to the women and teacher at the school house. There were 20 present. Flour sack dresses were displayed.

"The following day the women again met at the school house where I demonstrated making of hats while school was in session. Eight women worked. One of them walked two miles to the demonstration. We had lunch cooked in the pressure cooker. That afternoon I organized seven girls into a sewing club, with the school teacher as leader.

"I continued the demonstration Friday at the school house. In the afternoon I organized the women into a Home Bureau. I told them the purpose of the club and to take their time in selecting a good name as they would hand this name down to their children and great-grandchildren. They selected a leader, a vice chairman, a secretary and a treasurer.

"Saturday morning I held a meat-canning demonstration at the home of Mrs. Moore, canning 12 jars of meat. Each woman packed a jar so as to learn how. While the meat was processing, we continued the hat making."

## GOVERNOR CAMPBELL ENTERTAINS VISITING MORMON DELEGATION

PHOENIX, Feb. 6.—Governor T. E. Campbell entertained a visiting delegation of officials representing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Tuesday evening at dinner in the Adams hotel. The dinner was in acknowledgment of the many courtesies shown him during his recent visit to Salt Lake City.

## HOLD AVIATORS ON ORDER FROM MEXICAN CHIEF

DOUGLAS, Feb. 6.—The release of Lieut. L. M. Doff and G. M. Usher, who alighted Monday 16 miles south of Nacozari, Sonora, 29 miles south of Douglas, probably will be delayed for several days, according to information reaching here today. Complete details as revealed by the investigation of military and civil officers have been sent to Mexico City by order of President Carranza and an order from the capital must be received before the aviators can be released or allowed to return to the border.

In the meantime the two lieutenants are guests at the Hotel de Nacozari and are being shown attention by the American colony, it being seen to that nothing is lacking for their comfort. However, they are reported to be impatient to return to the United States and resume their duties.

## IRWIN TAX SUIT SET FOR MARCH

PHOENIX, Feb. 5.—Notice was received today by County Attorney L. M. Laney from United States district court officials in Tucson that the William Irwin tax suits have been set for trial in the United States district court here March 1. The suit, brought by Irwin against the county treasurer, the assessor, the sheriff and the board of supervisors of Maricopa county, was filed in behalf of persons having homesteads within the limits of the Roosevelt reclamation project on which lands final certificates had not been granted, but for which patents had not been issued. The suit filed December 16, last, would restrain the county officials from assessing or collecting taxes on such land. It is estimated that upward of \$500,000 worth of land is involved.

## CATTLEMEN HOPING FOR A BETTER PRICE ON YEARLING STEERS

PHOENIX, Feb. 6.—Best offers for yearling steers this year, in Arizona are \$42.50 a head, although it is expected by cattlemen that better offerings will be made soon, according to Secretary Ed W. Stephens of the state livestock sanitary commission. The secretary has returned from a trip to the big ranches. The trip included a visit at the Cananea Cattle company's headquarters on the Mexican side.

The cattlemen report expectations of even better prices when buyers from all over the country get together on Feb. 17, 18, 19 and 20 in Tucson at the annual convention of the Arizona Cattle Growers' association. The convention is to be followed by that of the Panhandle association. According to Secretary Stephens' information the cattlemen count upon better range conditions here and the drought conditions in California to result in better prices in Arizona, eventually. Plenty of feed is reported on all of the state ranges to carry the cattle along to the best advantage.

The Cananea cattle country is in remarkably fine condition, Mrs. Stephens says, and reminds him much of the Arizona country 20 years ago before the range was depleted by hard usage. The deer was so plentiful there, he says that venison sells on the market along with beef and at about the same price, and it is said that 250,000 head of deer were slaughtered in Mexico last year. Stephens reports the Mexican more prosperous conditions in Mexico from the border line.

He found the machinery of the Mexican law working in lively fashion, a recent bank robbery there and resulted in the killing of five men being followed almost immediately with the public hanging of three of the robbers.

## OIL BOOM IN COUNTY SOON IS PREDICTED

DOUGLAS, Feb. 5.—If there is any oil in Arizona, it looks like it will be found in the Sulphur Spring Valley, according to F. D. Hubbell, local real estate man who returned yesterday from a trip to the northern part of the county on business. He found much activity in that section, not only in oil locations but in valley land as well.

Near Serviss, Judge W. S. McCall has tied up large acreage which probably will be drilled on by New York interests. In excavating a gravel pit two miles from Serviss recently, the skeleton of a mastodon in an excellent state of preservation was discovered, six feet beneath the surface. This, Mr. Hubbell holds, would refute the pet theory of many geologists that the valley has been subjected in comparatively recent times to severe seismic disturbance.

At Willcox, also, there is considerable oil excitement and two different outfits are planning to drill there. It is claimed by residents of the town that a railroad well in the town which was drilled 700 feet and for a time supplied water for domestic purposes in the town had to be abandoned for everything except railroad use. The water was thoroughly contaminated with oil, it was claimed. Willcox appears to be on the verge of a boom.

## INDIAN CURIOS TO BE GIVEN TO U. OF A.

PHOENIX, Feb. 6.—The splendid collection of Indian curios owned by Captain and Mrs. N. A. Darmont is to pass into the permanent ownership of the University of Arizona, according to a recent announcement. The valuable collection which was loaned to the Southwest Museum in Los Angeles is to be removed shortly and placed in the museum on the campus of the state university.

## TO PUT CLAIMS OF BORDERLAND BEFORE BOARD

BISBEE, Feb. 5.—To protect the interests of the Borderland Route towns of southern Arizona, Senator Fred Sutter, representing Bisbee and Douglas, left last night for Birmingham, Alabama, to attend the meeting of directors of the Bankhead Highway association, and to forestall, if possible the contemplated action of Phoenix and Globe who would swing the proposed southern route over the impassable roads to the north.

The Bankhead highway is to be a southern route, as near the border as possible from coast to coast. While the northern route, through Phoenix and Globe, is at present impassable and will be for months to come, the Borderland trail presents a stretch of unbroken pavement and good road that the northern route can not be made to equal for years.

## DYING WIFE CLEARS HUSBAND OF BLAME

PHOENIX, Feb. 6.—That Mrs. Rosalia Marquez met her death by gunshot wounds inflicted accidentally by Manuel Marquez, her husband, was the verdict of a coroner's jury which met yesterday afternoon in Judge McKee's court to hear evidence.

Mrs. Marquez, who died early Tuesday evening at St. Joseph's hospital made a statement to Harry Johnson, assistant county attorney before her death, exonerating her husband. He shot her accidentally as they were moving furniture in their home near Marinette, she said. The deceased was born at Rito, New Mexico, and was 25 years old at the time of her death.

## HIGH COURT AFFIRMS VERDICT AGAINST LOCAL TRANSIT CO.

PHOENIX, Feb. 6.—That a plaintiff in a personal injury case can collect damages for resultant injuries, although these resultant injuries may be others than the particular resultant injury set forth in the complaint is the ruling of the supreme court in a decision just handed down in the case of the Tucson Rapid Transit against Asma Rubalc of Tucson.

The case is an appeal from the judgment of the superior court of Pima county and the decision affirms the judgment of Judge Samuel L. Patton. Kinman and Campbell represented the appellant company, and Richey and Richey, and Moore and Frawley of Tucson the appellee. The plaintiff brought suit, claiming personal damages as the result of an accident in which she was "violently thrown to the ground and thereby sustained the following injuries: She was greatly injured, jarred, shaken and bruised in the body; and her nervous system thereby sustained such a shock as to seriously and permanently injuriously affect and derange her physical health."

But the evidence went further than this, for the plaintiff testified that the shock caused a recurrence of pulmonary trouble, thereby giving rise to the question by the transit company's counsel as to whether recovery could be made when this affliction was not specified in the complaint.

## TEXAS MAN WILL BUILD MODERN GIN IN SAFFORD

SAFFORD, Feb. 6.—A deal of much importance to the prospective cotton growers of the county, was made this week when T. A. Baker purchased a piece of ground south of the Gila valley mill from Mrs. Skinner, on which site will be erected a modern gin, Mr. Baker authorizes us to state.

Technically this new situation will be a double press, four stand gin with a capacity of ginning forty bolls every ten hours.

Mr. Baker is a gin man of years of experience and states that the plant which is to be installed will be modern in every detail and of sufficient capacity to take care of all the cotton the valley will produce this coming season if twice the estimated acreage is planted.

The machinery for this new enterprise has been ordered shipped. Work of construction on the site will begin soon and Mr. Baker says the gin will be ready for cotton before picking time.

## YOUNG MAN HELD ON CHARGE OF DESERTING FROM ARMY

DOUGLAS, Feb. 6.—Felix Armendarez, aged 22, was arrested at Bisbee yesterday afternoon by Deputy United States Marshal Jay F. Wilmoth and brought back to Douglas, where he was turned over to the military and the department of justice for further investigation of his status in relation to the draft. He faces the technical charge of being a deserter. In 1917 he registered for the draft, but claimed exemption on the ground that he was of foreign birth and had a sister with several children dependent upon him, which claim was not allowed.

The defendant was living in Douglas before the war ended and at one time was ordered to entrain for Tombstone for examination for the army, but caught a train for the east and dropped out of sight. When he returned a few days ago he was recognized by the officers, but managed to get to Bisbee before he was placed under arrest. Armendarez dresses well and says he is a cook by profession.

## HUGE MOUNTAIN LION KILLED IN NORTH

PHOENIX, Feb. 6.—When the train from the north pulled in Saturday it found State Game Warden Joe Prochaska right on hand to greet it. As he walked over to the express car with a big smile on his face no one knew what was up, until the express clerk in the car, with the aid of a couple of other strong men, lifted out a big mountain lion weighing 205 pounds.

This beast was treed by dogs and then shot by an officer of the state game department 45 miles south of Winslow, in northern Arizona. The lion is now on display in the window of the Pinney & Robinson's sporting goods store, where it will remain until removed this evening, when it will be sent east to be mounted.

It is a wonderful specimen and goes to show what sort of big game hunting can be had in Arizona. The game warden stated that the pelt would be worth at least \$500 when mounted, and would not be for sale, as it is to be added to the large collection of specimens belonging to the state museum.

## WANT IRRIGATION FROM LYMAN DAM

PHOENIX, Feb. 6.—An urgent request for irrigation water from the Lyman dam was presented to the state loan board today by a delegation representing land owners in the northern Arizona project. The visitors presented plans and figures purporting to show that no material damage to the dam would ensue if used for storage purposes in its present uncompleted state.

The loan board, however, expressed reluctance to sanction such an undertaking, much preferring to wait until the dam is finished before authorizing water storage. It was pointed out that the dam is now only 40 per cent completed. Decision was deferred pending the return to Phoenix of Secretary of State Sims, now ill at Safford.

## MEXICAN OFFICIAL SAYS NEGROES WANT TO COLONIZE SOUTH

DOUGLAS, Feb. 6.—The minister of public work at Mexico City has announced that he has received a number of telegrams and letters from American negroes, residents in Texas, New Mexico, and California, requesting concessions and facilities for the establishment of a colony. The messages set out the fact that numerous countries have been investigated and Mexico has been chosen for the colony or colonies of the negroes. It is possible they wish land in a district among Mexican people, the announcement says.

## WANT STAGE ROUTE

PHOENIX, Feb. 6.—The state corporation commission is to conduct a hearing today on application of the American Garage of Patagonia for a certificate of necessity and convenience for operation of a motor stage line from Patagonia to Nogales and other places.

## LIVE STOCK AND RANGES

PHOENIX, Feb. 6.—Weekly reports to the Weather Bureau by wire and mail indicate the disappearance of snow from all year long and winter stock ranges and from a large part of the summer range. Grass has begun to grow in the immediate vicinity of snow patches at an elevation of 10,000 feet. Winter annuals are making an excellent showing on the lower mesas and desert sections, especially Indian wheat, mustard, the mallows and alfalfa, affording good pasture for sheep and cattle wintering here. Browse continues good over a large part of the range country except on some of the higher ranges where the young growth was injured by freezing; such sections however, are not heavily grazed at present. Stock are still reported as being from fair condition to excellent and holding up well, although some shrinkage is noted in northern Apache and Navajo counties where grass has lost considerable of its nutritive quality due to too much moisture. Both stock and range conditions in the highest year long ranges continue from good to excellent; this is particularly true of the vicinity of Pinedale and Williams. Damp foggy weather has been an unusual and unpleasant condition prevailing in the vicinity of Pinal, central Apache county.

## Crop Progress in Arizona

Mild, pleasant weather has favored preparatory work in the lower irrigated sections of the State. Farmers have made fine progress in clearing and leveling rough land of which a large area will be planted in cotton the coming season. Vegetation has made an unusually early start, peach trees blossomed some days ago and other fruit buds have made considerable growth. Cottonwood and mulberry trees and showing new leaves.

## SACATON WATER CASE MAY BE CARRIED TO U. S. SUPREME COURT

PHOENIX, Feb. 5.—The supreme court of the United States may be called upon to decide the merits of a certain contract held by the Arizona State board of directors, now that the Water Users association has definitely turned down the application to supply electrical energy for a power line from Sacaton to Florence. This line was proposed as a feeder to supply power to the state prison, thereby materially lessening the cost of lighting and power. In May, 1916, the state entered into a contract with the United States reclamation service to furnish the power. The contract was not approved by the department of the interior until July 1918, however. The last legislature appropriated fifty thousand dollars for the erection of the line, and all was ready to start construction when the water users, through the board of governors, gave notice that it was no longer in a position to supply electricity, having entered into supplemental contracts with private concerns which took all the surplus.

## ARIZONA PIONEER PRINTER IS DEAD

PRESCOTT, Feb. 6.—Benjamin H. Weaver, the printer who set the type and ran the press to get out the first issue of the first Arizona newspaper on March 9, 1864, died here today. He was in his 83rd year.

In his personal effects were found copies of the Arizona Miner, organ of the territorial pioneer governors, published for the first time in a camp in Chino valley, 35 miles north of here, with a soldier escort guarding the party against Apaches.

Mr. Weaver came in with the first gubernatorial party in 1864. Type, press and paper were carried overland from St. Louis and, after a short stay in the Chino valley established in a log cabin in what is now Prescott. Afterward Mr. Weaver was proprietor of the Miner and, following successful of that publication, released it to go into other pursuits.

Consolidation of the Miner with the Prescott Journal later gave birth to the present Prescott Journal-Miner. Among Mr. Weaver's five surviving children are Mrs. A. A. Johns, wife of the president of the senate in the Arizona legislature and Mrs. J. M. Altken of Phoenix.

## NOGALES MEN WELCOMED BY THE MEXICANS

NOGALES, Feb. 6.—The 34 members of the Nogales chamber of commerce, who left here Wednesday on an excursion trip along the west coast of Mexico, today were guests at a barbecue at Hermosillo, Sonora. The members of the party, accompanied by Governor Adolfo de la Huerta, viewed a parade in honor of the anniversary of the Law of Reforms of Benito Juarez in 1917, from the governor's palace at Hermosillo.

At Empalme, Sonora, the party was met by General Superintendent H. T. Temple and other officials of the Southern Pacific of Mexico, driven through the town and given opportunity to inspect the big plant of the railroad.

The excursion reached San Blas, Sinaloa, late today, and will spend the night there. Everywhere the party is well received, the people of the different towns manifesting the utmost friendship toward Americans.

## UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA GIRLS WILL TRY TO LIVE UPON 75 CENTS PER DAY

TUCSON, Feb. 6.—The Home Economics department of the University of Arizona will maintain a practice house in connection with the department for the rest of the year, beginning Monday. The Grayson house at 322 East 4th, near the campus has been obtained by the University for the practice. At first four young ladies of the department will "keep house" here, doing all the buying, meal planning and other household duties themselves. Mrs. Lancaster, of the home economics department will have charge of the experiment house. Each set of four girls will have charge of the house for six weeks. They will attempt to live on a budget of seventy five cents a day. The first quartet will be the Misses Emily Cunningham, Helen S. Whitehead, Margaret Gallatin and Ethel Shahan.

## BIG METEOR FALLS NEAR ABE LINCOLN

WICKENBURG, Feb. 5.—A great meteor fell at 11 a. m. Monday near the Abe Lincoln mine. It came directly over the head of J. Marcia with a terrific roar. Marcia saw it and his team saw it. Its momentum was so great, the rustle of wind accompanying its passage terrified Marcia and caused his team to rear in nervous fright. A minute after it passed over his head there was a sublimous smoky atmosphere much like that occasioned by a big war shell passing through the sky. Then a few seconds later followed a loud explosion and trembling of the earth, which resembled the prolonged peal and roar of a terrific clap of thunder followed by a million sizzling balls of fire that were sent up into the air by the recoil from impact of this ponderous ethereal visitor with the earth.

People in Wickenburg nearly twenty miles distant felt the tremor of the earth and heard the boom of what resembled a distant blast with the peculiar whistling noise of air missiles going at a great velocity.

A party is organizing to go out into the mountains to try and locate the mineral aerolite in hope of finding valuable information of its composition and constituents which almost invariably comprise, nickel, cobalt, copper and tin.

Meteors, or shooting stars occur periodically in August and November, sometimes with great frequency. Once in every four years there are showers of great brilliancy. Examinations of these transitory masses which fall to the earth show that most all meteors are composed of iron. Analysis of others show metallic alloys of various minerals—which are called siderolites; those containing no iron are termed aerolites; if chiefly metal they are palasites; if chiefly mineral they are designated as chondrites.

Astronomy teaches that there meteorological phenomena move about through space and when attracted and drawn into the earth's orbit become combustible through friction with the earth's atmosphere in falling from space to the earth.

## LEGISLATURE MAY ACT UPON PROPOSED LAWS

PHOENIX, Feb. 5.—Commenting on persistent reports received at the capitol that the Democratic party, in the coming session of the legislature, would investigate his expenditures, among other affairs Gov. T. Campbell, Republican, stated today that he was not worried. Attorney General Wiley E. Jones, also reported as slated for investigation, answered as did the governor.

All authorities who were seen today agreed that the legislature is free to act as a "grand jury" if it sees fit, even though called by the governor for the sole purpose of considering the Susan B. Anthony amendment.

Chief Justice D. L. Cunningham recently expressing himself at length against the calling of a special session for the sole purpose of voting on the Susan B. Anthony amendment now holds that the members of the legislature should answer the call and accomplish the business as quickly as possible. The chief justice today expressed himself strongly against all practice of what he called political trickery and said that every good citizen should stand behind any man whom the people choose for governor regardless of opposite political views.

Among rumored investigations are the subjects of the governor's traveling expenses, Attorney General Jones' administration with particular reference to some recent investigations that he conducted and the situation in regard to the construction of state highways.

Prior to the governor's call for the special session efforts were made by anti-administration forces to have much legislation included in the call, and during the governor's absence an official business in Washington. It was reported that Secretary of State Sims was being impudently to make the call as acting governor.

The report occasioned much comment and a denial by the secretary of state.

The governor today admitted that the legislature is free to start such investigation as it pleases during the coming session. Regarding alleged waste of the taxpayers' money, possibly to the amount of \$75,000, the governor holds that taxpayers' representatives must answer to the people.

## ARIZONA TO GET \$10,000 ESTATE

PHOENIX, Feb. 6.—An estate worth \$150,000 with no heirs will become the property of the state of Arizona. It was announced today by state treasurer H. S. Ross, following his return from a trip to Globe, Safford and Clifton to appraise estates and compute the state's share in inheritance taxes.

Treasurer Ross said he stumbled upon the unclaimed estate at Safford and ascertained there were no heirs. He said he has petitioned the supreme court of Graham county to appoint an administrator. A local resident who shall represent the state of Arizona, the state being the largest claimant in any event because of the inheritance tax feature.

## BIG FELLOWS CET IN HOLBROOK FIELD

JEROME, Feb. 5.—Standard Oil money is to be used without stint in proving the Holbrook field. The powerful Lloy syndicate, an associate of the Hopi and Adamana wells and will also drill another well on the Dorsey Hager dome within sight of the town of Holbrook.

Reports received here last week were that the Pacific Wyoming Oil company were to finish the Hopi and Adamana tests on a 50-50 basis. It now appears that the proving of the field has been entrusted to the Lloy organization, which includes several men high in the councils of the Pacific-Wyoming. Officials of the Midwest Oil company, Carter Oil company, Elk Basin Oil company and Keough-Hurst Drilling company all more or less affiliated with the Standard, are members of the Lloy syndicate.

Girls of the Baptist church at Winslow have pledged themselves for the adoption of one organ through the Near East Relief.